must acquire the prescribed qualifications in seeking appointments.

SUBJECT No. 153.

Revised scale of pay to old shekdars.

Mr. Anantakesavachar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—According to the shekdar scheme we understand that only passed candidates will be given the new scale of pay while the existing shekdars are allowed the old scale of pay with only the allowance. The Government may be pleased to extend the scale of revised pay to such of the existing shekdars who are competent and experienced and who have been discharging their duties satisfactorily.

Reply of Government.—No suggestion is necessary in this matter.

SUBJECT No. 154.

Appointment of literate patels.

Messrs. A. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote; C. Guru Rao, Pleader and Land-holder, Nanjangud; and G. Subba Rao, Hole-Narsipur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Nearly half the number of patels in the State being illiterate, they cannot grant receipts to the raiyats paying kandayam. This is a hardship to the raiyat population. It is therefore requested that patels hereafter to be appointed should invariably be literate and solvent in proportion to the jamabandi of the villages to prevent defalcations.

(*b*) It is prayed that Brahmins may be employed as patels as they are more literate.

Reply of Government.—The families of patels must be encouraged to learn to read and write, and a rule may be framed that one or two years hence want of literacy will be considered as a disqualification. The opinions of the Deputy Commissioners will be called for.

SUBJECT No. 155.

Rules to regulate performance of pateli duties by turns among hissedars.

Mr. Ranganaika of Tumkur Taluk

Summary of discussion.—Though there are three or four hissedars for the pateli of certain villages, only the officiator enjoys the potgi. Rules may be framed directing the hissedars to officiate as patels by turns.

Reply of Government.—The existing practice need not be changed

SUBJECT No. 156.

Enfranchisement of shanbhogi Inams and grant of monthly allowances to patels and shanbhogs.

Messrs. Venkatappa, Chik Narayana Reddi and Venkataramanappa, Bagepalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) It has been settled that patels and shanbhogs should receive potgi in lieu of miras which they were formerly getting and that they should pay the full assessment on their Inam lands. Such Inams are enjoyed both by the hissedars and officiators. Owing to failure of rain, no crops are raised. The whole of the potgi will be appropriated towards the assessment due on Inam lands. The officiators therefore have to do gratuitous service, which has considerably increased of late. Though full assessment is paid on the lands, the hissedars have no power to relinquish or to sell the lands owing to their tenure being service Inam. The Inam lands of patels and shanbhogs are enfranchised in the British Territory and potgi is paid to the officiators. Pray that similar concession may be shown in this State and the inams charged with reasonable quit-rent.